GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2001
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN AIIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many essential Medical equipments in AIIMS are lying out of order for the last so many months as reported in `Hindustan` dated July 16, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken against the persons responsible for this;

(d) the arrangements made by the Government for the installation and maintenance of these equipments; and

(e) the measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to mitigate the problems faced by the patients and to provide them more facilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a)to(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 FOR 8.8.2001

(a)to(e): Only a few medical equipment have remained out of order in AIIMS for more than a few months.However, the use of some equipment in the Institute Rotary Cancer Hospital (IRCH) has been suspended due to ongoing building expansion.

In AIIMS, all medical equipments are procured on the basis of specific requisition from the individual department and are screened by the Purchase Committee and Surgical Selection Commission (Hosp)Appropriate clauses are always incorporated in the supply order for timely installation and maintenance of equipment.

The Institute is in the process of setting up several new facilities - National Trauma Centre, a Dental College, new Screening OPD, an Emergency Block and new Dharmashalas. These facilities will substantially increase the range of services available.

A major program for revamping of all the ICUs, OTs and the casualty area, has been launched.Old dysfunctional trolleys, beds, OT tables, monitors, intensive care ventialators, haemodialysis machines have been replaced by new ones. Utmost care is taken to ensure that no patient suffers for want of essential equipments.